

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S376**

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TO:	The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Chairman, Senate Medical Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Energy Independence and Sustainable Construction Act of 2007		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill amends Chapter 52, Title 48 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, by enacting the "Energy Independence and Sustainable Construction Act of 2007", so as to provide that all state-funded major facility projects must meet certain environmental standards.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

For purposes of this impact statement the State Engineer's Office of the Budget and Control identified twelve projects with total construction costs of \$140.9 million. The requirements of this Bill could have increased the construction costs of these projects by approximately 1.9% or \$2.8 million. However, the increase in costs may be offset through energy savings. It is estimated there is a 30% reduction in cost per square foot for energy. Based on the number of square feet in these projects there could be an energy savings of \$12.6 million over 30 years. This would result in a net savings of \$9.8 million in operating costs for these twelve projects.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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